HAMATEUR CHATTER

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President's Letter

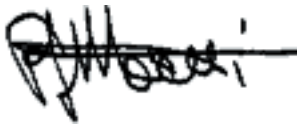
I suspect that the theme for most of this type of publication – starting around the first of the year is: Happy New Year! On the one hand that is good and on the other it points out an issue, an opportunity - we are in a rut! Year in year out we set the same goals and do the same things – we don't like the results we got last year... but we do the same thing expecting the results to change... they won't! As long as we continue to do things the same way we are going to get the same results.

Let me give you an example...

"Learning the code" as a yearly goal... This year I am really going to listen to those code tapes and get it down! Mmm... Those tapes didn't work last year did they? So why are you using the same approach? When we do the same thing expecting different results - we are displaying one of the basic human characteristics - stupidity! Not to be insulting but my point is - if you resolved to do something last year and you failed to accomplish it... it is OK to have a similar goal this year - but please consider a **different approach**!

Enjoy Amateur Radio, enjoy volunteering, enjoy helping others - make those your resolutions and they will pay you back in satisfaction and personal growth! Help someone else enjoy Amateur Radio!

Best to you and all of yours in the coming year!



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Nets Heard in the Milwaukee Area

DAY	TIME	MHz	ACTIVITY
Daily	6:00-8:00 AM	14.2900	Milwaukee / Florida (SSB)
Daily	5:15-6:00 AM	3.9850	Wisconsin SSB net
Daily	7:30 AM	144.1550	Breakfast RoundTable (SSB)
Daily	9:30 PM	3.9725	Country Cousins Net
Mon.	8:00 PM	146.8650-	ARES Net (Walworth and ARRL news)
Mon.	8:00 PM	146.4450	Emergency Net
Mon.	8:45 PM	146.6700-	ARRL voice news (ARES)
Mon.	9:00 PM	50.1600	6 m. SSB Net
Mon.	9:00 PM	147.1650+	ARES Net (Milwaukee-Waukesha)
Tue.	9:00 AM	50.1600	6 m. 2nd Shifters' SSB Net
Tue.	8:00 PM	144.2500	Badger Contesters (SSB)
Tue.	9:00 PM	50.1600	6 m. SSB Net
Wed.	8:00 PM	145.1300	ARRL voice news
Wed.	8:00 PM	147.2700+	Weather & Swap Net
Thu.	9:00 PM	50.1600	6 m. SSB Net
Thu.	9:00 PM	146.9100-	Computer Net
Fri	8:30 PM	28.4900	MRAC W9RH 10 m. Net (SSB)
Fri.	9:00 PM	145.3900-	W9RH 2 m. FM Net after 10 mtr. net
Sat	9:00 PM	146.9100-	Saturday Night Fun Net
Sun.	8:30 AM	3.9850	QCWA (Chptr 55) (SSB)
Sun.	9:00 AM	145.5650	X-Country Simplex Group (FM)
Sun.	10:00 AM	443.8000+	FM-38 link to 146.88 Baraboo SWAPnet
Sun.	8:00 PM	146.9100-	Information Net
Sun.	9:00 PM	146.9100-	Swap Net

2 meter repeaters are offset by 600 KHz - - 70 centimeter repeaters are offset by 5 MHz
SSB frequencies below 20 meters are LSB and for 20 mtrs and above are USB

HAMATEURCHATTER

HamateurChatter is the newsletter of MRAC (Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club), a not for profit organization for the advancement of amateur radio and the maintenance of fraternalism and a high standard of conduct.

MRAC Membership dues are $17.00 per year and run on a calendar year starting January 1.

MRAC general membership meetings are normally held at 7:00 p.m. the last Thursday of the month except for November (3rd Thursday due to Thanksgiving) and December, when we have our Christmas Dinner.

Meetings are held at:

Redemption Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
4057 N. Mayfair Rd.
Milwaukee, WI

Credits

Our thanks to our news contributors this month:

WB9BWP WB9PTC W9UQ
K9LCQ KB9Q KF9XL

Our thanks go

Rita Doneis, Howard Parks, Hal Newton,, and Tom Fuszard, for proofreading the 'Chatter this month.

Dick Wood for mailing the hard copy of the 'Chatter.

Joe Schwarz, who Emails the 'Chatter.

Howard Parks and Brian White, who administer our Web Site.

Ted Stiller for obtaining and serving refreshments at our meeting.

Tom Sherlowsky for taking care of the raffle at the meetings.

Mark Tellier, Tom Czaja, John Kraak and Tom Fuszard who manage our VEC.

Thank YOU!

For Sale Computer/ Ham Desk

I have a ham / computer table for sale. It's 5 ft. x 30" can be taken apart for easy moving. Manufacture is Marvel.

Asking price $100.00.

Please contact:

John Merkl, WB9PSE

either by phone:

(414) 259-9091

or by Email @

hamland9@yahoo.com

General Membership Meeting 11/17/05

There were 21 members or visitors in attendance.

Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by club Vice President Howard Parks, AB9FH. Howard welcomed everyone present.

Introductions:

The microphone was passed for all those present to introduce themselves

Meeting Minutes:

The meeting minutes were not read because no one had a copy of the 'Chatter and the Secretary forgot to bring them.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurers report was not available because the club meeting occurred before we received the November bank statement.

Buzz Talk: (where recent amateur radio activity can be discussed):

Buzz talk was short for this session with only one member relating their experience.

Old Business

Christmas Party:

Howard reminded everyone that the Christmas party would be on December 17th at the Machine Shed located on Hwy 164 and I-94. The get together starts at 6:00 p.m. we will be ordering off the menu.

Technician Class:

Howard reported that 6 of the 13 students in our last class have been successful at obtaining their Technician license and one student reaching Extra.

New Business

FM Simplex Contest:

Howard reminded everyone that we would again be sponsoring an FM simplex contest in February.

Club Website:

Howard updated the membership on the state of the club website and that the new address is www.w9rh.org.

Video Projector:

Howard showed the membership the clubs' new Epson video projector. The board had given their approval to purchase a projector at their meeting on Monday the 14th.

There was no additional business.

Adjournment:

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

The motion was called and passed upon a voice vote

Respectfully submitted,

Brian White K9LCQ - Secretary

Fred Recklies, KB9JBG - SK

Fred Recklies, KB9JBG became an SK on October 28, 2005 at the age of 78 due to diabetes and complications.

He was a member of MRAC since 1994 and though he hadn't come to many meetings in recent times, he would show up on our 145.39 repeater from time to time and frequented the HF bands.

He loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He was preceded in death by his wife Katherina "Kathe" and is survived by his son John and grandsons, John, Michael, and Chad, and great-grandchildren, Brianna, Katherina, Gabrielle, Abigail, and Laura as well as other relatives and friends.

He was laid to rest on November 1, 2005 at Wisconsin Memorial Park. If desired, donations may be made in Fred's name to the Medical College of Wisconsin for diabetes research.

FM Simplex Contest

Purpose: To promote FM simplex operation and VHF/UHF contesting while giving new hams an opportunity to develop their cotesting skills.

Date: Sunday, February 12, 2006

Time: 2PM to 4PM (all bands run simultaneously) designed to promote mobile operation from multiple grid squares.

Region: Southeastern Wisconsin (Grids-EN52, EN53, EN62, EN63)
Contacts with other grid squares are also welcomed.

Bands: 2 meters, 1.25 meters, 70 centimeters, 6 meters

Categories: Base, Mobile, HT's, and Club Awards: Certificates given for 1st in each category and individual band with 2nd and 3rd awards based on committee discretion. Winning club is recognized on a plaque at AES Milwaukee.

Points: 2 meters-(1 point), 1.25 meters-(3 points), 70 centimters-(2 points), 6 meters-(2-points)

Special Multiplier: 1.5 score multiplier for Technician Class participants.

Log Information Required: Call sign of station worked, frequency, time, and grid square.

Detailed Contest Information: Detailed contest information and entry forms can be downloaded from the MRAC web site at:

www.w9rh.org

There is also an entry form on page 6 of this issue of the 'Chatter.

OTA CW

Dick McNew, WB9PTC, is still holding his "On The Air" code lessons/practice sessions. The class/practice is held on **Monday and Friday at 6:00 p.m.** on our repeater.

He needs more feedback from the listeners and participants to know if they are getting it and to know how to improve the lessons. If you can, check in so he has an idea how many are participating/listening.

Dick **NEEDS some help** with teaching the class so he can take a break once in awhile.

Reminders!

Please check in to our nets on Friday evenings.

Our ten meter SSB net is at **8:30 p.m.** at **28.490 MHz USB.**

Our two meter FM net follows at 9:00 p.m. on our repeater at **145.390 MHz** with a minus offset and a **PL of 127.3 Hz.**

Join us for Saturday morning breakfast at Maxim's Restaurant, 18025 W. Capitol Dr. We usually meet at around 8:00 a.m., and order around 8:15 a.m. The food and the company are good and you don't have to be a member of the club to join us.

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Membership Renewal Form - 2006

Date _____

Name _____ **Callsign** _____

Spouse or Family member name _____ **Callsign** _____

1st Address _____

2nd Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Telephone Contact Number _____ **Home Cell Office Other**

Do you wish to receive the club newsletter via email? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**
E-mail address _____

Member License Class
☐ **None** ☐ **Novice** ☐ **Technician** ☐ **Technician Plus** ☐ **General** ☐ **Advanced** ☐ **Extra**

Spouse or Family Member License Class
☐ **None** ☐ **Novice** ☐ **Technician** ☐ **Technician Plus** ☐ **General** ☐ **Advanced** ☐ **Extra**

Membership Type Renewing (check only one)
☐ **Associate $17.00** ☐ **Family $17.00** ☐ **Regular $17.00**
☐ **Life w/Chatter $10.00 (minimum to cover the Chatter costs)**

Now that the repeater has been relocated, do you use the repeater? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Are you a member of the ARRL? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Comments: _____

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Enclose a check for the appropriate amount and mail it to the address above.

Membership year runs from January 1 through December 31, 2006

Received from _____ ***Date*** _____

The Sum of _____ ***Dollars*** ***Cash/Check #***_____

For **Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club dues 2006**

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Signed

THE MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS' CLUB FM SIMPLEX
CONTEST ENTRY FORM

SUBMIT WITH LOG BY MARCH 15, 2006 TO
MRAC, P.O.BOX 070695, MILWAUKEE, WI 53207-0695

CLAIMED SCORE_____

NAME_____

CLASSIFICATION (Check only one) : BASE_____ MOBILE_____ HT_____

CALL SIGN_____LICENSE CLASS GRID SQUARE(S)_____

(MOBILES, LIST ALL GRIDS ACTIVATED – A STATION CAN BE WORKED MORE
THAN ONCE IF YOU/THEY ARE IN A DIFFERENT GRID SQUARE EACH TIME)

ADDRESS_____

_____

EMAIL _____PHONE_____

CLUB AFFILIATION_____

CONTACTS

BAND QSO'S Q-PTS POINTS GRID SQUARES

2 m _____ x 1 = _____ _____

70 cm _____ x 2 = _____ _____

6 m _____ x 2 = _____ _____

1.25 m _____ x 3 = _____ _____

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TOTALS _____ x _____

SCORE EQUALS TOTAL POINTS TIMES TOTAL GRIDS _____
TECHNICIANS, MULTIPLY BY 1.5.
TRANSFER FINAL TOTAL TO 'CLAIMED SCORE' BLANK AT TOP OF PAGE.

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND HAVE FOLLOWED THE PUBLISHED RULES FOR THIS CONTEST. I HAVE OPERATED WITHIN THE LEGAL LIMITS OF MY AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE.

SIGNATURE_____DATE_____

EVENTS

Mid-Winter HamFest *
SUN.-JAN. 22, 2006
DuPage Expo
St. Charles, IL
T/I on 145.390 -

MRAC FM Simplex Contest
See pg . 4 and our Website @
www.w9rh.org

HamFest 2006
SUN. - MARCH 19,2006
Jefferson Co. Fairgrounds
Jefferson, WI
T/I on 145.49 rptr

51st Toledo HamFest
SUN. -MAR. 19, 2006
Lucas Co. Rec Center
Maumee, Ohio
T/I on 147.270+ MHz

MARA SwapFest * BSSS?
Sat. - Apr. 22,2006
Mandt Community Center
Stoughton, WI

* indicates VE testing is available.

DEADLINE

The **deadline** for items to be published in **HamateurChat-ter** is the 7th day of each month. If you have anything (announcements, stories, articles, photos, projects, hints) for the 'Chatter, please get it to me before then. You may contact me by e-mail at: **pancho@thepark.net**

or by snailmail at: **Pancho Doneis - KA9OFA, 1958 N. 38th St., Milwaukee, WI 53208**

or by phone at:

(414) 344-4694

EXAM RESULTS

MRAC VEC conducted VE testing on Nov 26, 2005 at AES. There were 13 examinees, and 10 were successful in either upgrading or in qualifying for their initial license. Those VEs who helped out at the session included the following:

Tom Czaja ---------- KG9EE
Pancho Doneis ------ KA9OFA
Ken Hahn ---------- AB9LL
Les Hundt ---------- AB9EY
John Kraak ---------- KF9XL
Hal Newton --------- KB9OZN
Sherm Swanson----- KB9Q
Ron Yokes ---------- W9BCK

Our next scheduled exam session will be on Saturday, January 7, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at the Waukesha AMF Lanes across from the Waukesha EXPO sponsored by the West Allis Amateur Radio Club Swapfest. We will also offer VE testing on Saturday, January 28, 2006 at AES.

I want to thank all the VEs for their help and dedication throughout this past year, and on behalf of MRAC VEC, I wish all a Happy Holiday Season.

73,

John (KF9KL)

John, KF9XL

MRAC VEC held VE testing on January 7, 2006 at the Waukesha AMF Bowling Lanes in conjunction with the West Allis Radio Amateur Club Swapfest. There were 16 examinees, and 13 were successful in either qualifying for their initial license or in upgrading. Those VEs who helped out at the session included the following:

Kent Christiansen -- N9WH
Pancho Doneis ------ KA9OFA
Bernie Golownia --- AA9CI
Ken Hahn ---------- AB9LL
(Soon to be WK9H)
Les Hundt ---------- AB9EY
John Kraak ---------- KF9XL
Sherm Swanson----- KB9Q
Mark Tellier AB9CD
Ron Yokes ---------- W9BCK

Our **next scheduled exam** session will be **Saturday, January 28, 2006 at 9:30AM at AES**.
Thank you.

EXAM SCHEDULE

MRAC VEC A Exam Schedule

Spring & Summer 2006

- Sat., Jan. 28, 2006 - 9:30 a.m. @ AES
- Sat., Feb. 25, 2006 - 9:30 a.m. @ AES
- Sat., Apr. 1, 2006 - 9 a.m. @ AES
  Superfest
- Sat., Apr. 29, 2006 - 9:30 a.m. @ AES
- Sat., May 27, 2006 - 9:30 a.m. @ AES
- Sat., July 29, 2006 - 9:30 a.m. @ AES

AES = Amateur Electronic Supply
5710 W. Good Hope Rd.
Milwaukee, WI

73,

John (KF9KL)

John, KF9XL

The **next meeting** of **MRAC**
will be **Thursday, Jan. 26, 2005**
at 7:00 PM
Redemption Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
4057 N. Mayfair Rd.
(Use the south entrance)
HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

Please, DON'T call the church.

Dues 're Due.
Let's Dues IT!!!!
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Our program for the January 26th meeting will be a presentation by Dave DeFebo, WB9BWP on the Club History and Our Photo Album.

Visit our new website at **http://www.w9rh.org/**
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332-6722

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